

TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of August 15, 2011

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, August 15, 2011
at the North Smithfield Public Library at 6:30 PM

Call to order: 6:40 pm

Members Present: Louise Belisle, Jeffrey Fontaine, Jeffrey Harris, Linda Frye, Gwen Cunningham

Members Absent: Daniel Couture, John Zambarano

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, and related documents as described below.

Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from the July 18, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Applications

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 8 Warren Avenue, Plat 9 Lot 14, Union Village Historic District.

Owner: The Moreland Group, LLC., Evelyn Ranone, President

The Commission reviewed the application, as submitted. The work proposed consists of installing approximately twenty-six (26) squares of Certainiteed "Landmark" 30-year Architectural Shingles (asphalt) over the existing one (1) layer of three (3)-tab type asphalt shingles. It is assumed that minor in-kind repairs will be made to some of the cornices where some water damage from clogged and broken gutters and downspouts has caused deterioration at the roof, wood siding and trim. The Commission made the following Resolution:

It was determined that the Alteration/ Remodeling/ Repairs specified above are appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application, as submitted, for a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

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| Motion to Approve: | Gwen Cunningham |
| Seconded: | Louise Belisle |
| All in favor | |
| Opposed: | None |

A written Resolution (#08152011-B) and a Certificate of Appropriateness will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector. The applicant has been advised to submit an application for review by the Commission should any other exterior changes requiring a building permit arise.

- B. Advisory Review: 115 Great Road, Plat 9 Lot 655, Union Village Historic District.
Owner: Laura Coulombe

The Commission reviewed the application, as submitted. The work proposed is to enclose the rear of the property by installing a six foot high, wood, dog-eared fence (to be finished in a solid white stain) along the north side of the property, as well as beginning at the northeast corner of the existing porch and stretching along the east side of the property facing Morse Avenue with an eight foot wide gate facing the existing driveway (approximately eighty linear feet). The west side and a small portion beginning at the northwest corner of the building will comprise of a four foot high chain link style fence (approximately fifty linear feet). The Commission made the following Resolution:

- A. Discussion and vote for approval on 115 Great Road: 'contributing' or 'non-contributing' to the Union Village Historic District.

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| Motion to Approve: | Louise Belisle |
| Seconded: | Gwen Cunningham |
| All in favor | |
| Opposed: | None |

The Commission determined that the Exterior Construction/ Alteration specified above are contingent on a number of factors, and introduced a number of considerations for the property owner to take into advisement.

Based upon the considerations, the Commission determined that the Exterior Construction/ Alteration specified above are inconclusive, with the understanding that further deliberation should be given to a number of remedial issues. A written Resolution (#08152011-A) presented these findings and will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector, with the following declarations:

1. Applications for Advisory Review are non-binding;
2. Given that without the compulsory issuance of a building permit, the applicant is not required to submit to the Commission an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Final Approval.

Communications

- A. Jeff H. relayed a public meetings reminder for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission on August 16 in Whitinsville for those that did not attend the meeting on August 10 in Pawtucket.
- B. Jeff H. commented on the additions to the Town of North Smithfield website for the Historic District Commission.
- C. In following up on the issues associated with the clarification of the Union Village Historic District, Debra Todd, Town Clerk, has informed the Commission that their case shall be placed on the North Smithfield Town Council agenda for September 6, 2011. Members of the Commission are encouraged to attend and will meet prior to the meeting at 6:30pm at Kendall Dean.
- D. Jeffrey Fontaine introduced concerns about recognizing North Smithfield Veterans of wars. In his travels through other towns, he has witnessed a more thorough and highly attainable and visible representation of honoring their Veterans. If the current Veterans monument at 'Carpenters Corner' is owned by the state (which may be considered insufficient), can the Town obtain the rights to ownership and possibly expand? Is the

stone monument with a list of names at the Town Hall sufficient? Is there another possible location in town that has better accessibility and visibility for a type of memorial park that could be utilized to honor all those town residents who have served?

Old Business

- A. Review, discussion and vote for approval on NS HDC Rules and Regulations, Section III, has been tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Louise Belisle

Seconded: Linda Frye

All in favor

Opposed: None

Supplemental Meeting (with Town Council): Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Next Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2011